



## **Arizona Department of Homeland Security (AZDOHS)**

### **State of Arizona Tribal Liaison Year-End Report July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012**

This report provides summaries of AZDOHS statewide and Tribal-specific funding programs, outreach activities and other projects

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## **PROJECT RESULTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

1. Sept. 2011 - The AZDOHS Tribal Liaison attended a FEMA Tribal Preparedness Partnership Meeting in Las Vegas Nevada. The event brought together Federal agencies and Tribal representatives from within FEMA Region IX. The purpose of this working meeting was to build upon collaborative relationships and share knowledge on how to enhance Tribal preparedness efforts in protecting against, responding to, recovering from, and mitigating all hazards. The AZDOHS Tribal Liaison networked with AZ Tribal representatives in attendance and learned best practices and methodologies that can be shared with Tribal stakeholder seeking preparedness assistance.
2. Oct. 2011 – The AZDOHS Director and Tribal Liaison attended the Arizona Division of Emergency Management's and FEMA Region IX's First Annual Tribal Conference in Phoenix AZ. The purpose of this conference was to demonstrate to Arizona Tribal Nations best practices for "Community Emergency Management" methods. The AZDOHS Director attended as a guest speaker and provided to the Tribal Representatives in attendance an overview of AZDOHS's mission and roles as well as US DHS Grant Programs available for Tribes.
3. Jan. 2012 – The AZDOHS Tribal liaison performed outreach to Tribal Police Chiefs, Fire Chiefs, Emergency Managers and Grants Department Personnel from Tribal communities around Arizona to invite and encourage them to attend the annual AZDOHS Grant Information Seminar held in the Northern, Central and Southern regions of our state. During these very informative sessions, AZDOHS staff provided presentations on the grant application process, important deadlines and programmatic reporting requirements.
4. Feb. 2012 - The AZDOHS Tribal liaison reached out to Tribes around Arizona by sending them grants related information regarding the U.S. DHS Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program open grant application period. The AZDOHS Tribal Liaison forwarded a packet of information such as application materials, helpful hints and tips as well as frequently asked questions that will aid Tribes in their grant applications. This effort yielded 12 applications from the 21 federally recognized Tribes around Arizona
5. Apr. 2012 – AZDOHS performed its annual Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program Seminar at the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community. The Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program (THSGP), introduced in FY 2008 provides supplemental funding to "directly eligible tribes" to help strengthen tribes' capacity to prepare for and respond to emergency situations. The AZDOHS Tribal Liaison invited Tribal representatives from around the state and provided a presentation on the grant program's history, its application process and post-award requirements. The purpose of this seminar was to continue encouraging Tribes to apply for US DHS funding and provide a guest speaker on an issue of mutual concern for Tribes. Tribes in attendance included:
  - Ak-Chin Indian Community
  - Cocopah Indian Tribe
  - Colorado River Indian Tribe
  - Fort Mojave Indian Tribe
  - Pascua Yaqui Tribe
  - Quechan Indian Tribe
  - Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
  - San Carlos Apache Tribe

- Gila River Indian Community
- Navajo Nation
- Tohono O'odham Nation
- White Mountain Apache Tribe

6. Apr. 2012 – The AZDOHS Tribal Liaison attended the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) FEMA Region XIII Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program (THSGP) Workshop in Denver Colorado. The purpose of this conference was for FEMA and the DHS's Grants Program Directorate to provide Tribal representatives from within FEMA Region XIII and neighboring FEMA Regions an overview of the FFY 2012 THSGP, its application process, and post-award reporting requirements. In addition, guests in attendance learned about successful THSGP applications, listened to success stories of awarded Tribes and lessons learned through the application process. The valuable information presented at this workshop was shared by the AZDOHS Tribal Liaison to Arizona Tribal applicants for FFY 2012 THSGP funding during future outreach activities.

## **CURRENT PROJECTS**

Listed below are federal homeland security grant programs that are available from U.S. DHS to Arizona's Tribes. Though the FFY12 current grant application period has closed, the Arizona Department of Homeland Security provides continuous outreach and support to Arizona's Tribes. Funding amounts for Tribes through FFY 2012 federal homeland security grant programs are as follows.

### **A. State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP)**

This Federal Homeland Security program allows all State, County, Local, and Tribal government agencies to apply for funding to address homeland security, measure progress in achieving the national preparedness guidelines and strengthen planning and preparedness capabilities.

Accomplishment: In FFY 2012, Arizona Tribes received a total of \$69,500 in SHSGP funding. Congratulations to the following Arizona Tribes on their awards:

- Cocopah Tribe - \$14,500
- Tohono O'odham Nation - \$55,000

### **B. Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program (THSGP)**

The THSGP program sets aside funding exclusively for eligible Tribes to enhance their homeland security capabilities. Under this program, Tribes apply directly to the Federal Department of Homeland Security for grant funding.

Accomplishment: In FFY 2012, the THSGP funding allocation nationwide was \$6 million. Arizona Tribes received \$761,720, almost 13% of the total nationwide THSGP allocation. Congratulations to the following Arizona Tribes on their awards:

- Ak-Chin Indian Community - \$313,892
- Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation - \$221,808
- Pascua Yaqui - \$108,000
- Quechan Indian Tribe - \$118,020

**Note: The Fort Mojave Indian Tribe of Arizona, California and Nevada was also awarded \$115,500 but was listed on the U.S. DHS FFY 2010 Overview as a California Tribe.**

### **C. Operation Stonegarden Grant Program (OPSG)**

The intent of OPSG is to provide federal funding that enhances law enforcement coordination and operations along the international borders of the United States and Territories. Funding is provided for equipment and overtime to state, local and Tribal law enforcement agencies for high visibility uniformed patrols that enhance cooperation and

coordination with the U.S. Customs and Border Protection – Border Patrol in a joint mission to secure the Arizona – Mexico Border.

Accomplishment: In FFY 2012, Arizona's southern border Tribes received a total of \$697,628 in OPSG funding. Congratulations to the following Arizona Tribal Law Enforcement Departments on their awards:

- Pascua Yaqui Tribal Police Department - \$74,228
- Tohono O'odham Tribal Police Department - \$285,000
- Cocopah Tribal Police Department - \$211,000
- Quechan Fish and Game Department - \$ 127,400

## **FUTURE DEADLINES**

1. We encourage Tribal communities interested in applying for U.S. DHS funding to visit our department's website at [www.azdohs.gov](http://www.azdohs.gov) for updated grant program information.

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